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For: A CUTTING BLADE FOR A SURGICAL INSTRUMENT

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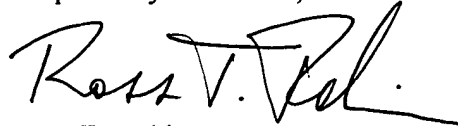
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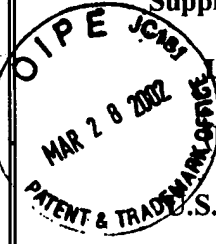
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Respectfully submitted,

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Transmitted for filing with the Patent and Trademark Office are the following documents for the above-referenced patent application:

1. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement
2. Form PTO-1449
3. Reference A1
4. Postcard acknowledgment

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